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SUBJ: GATT ARTICLE XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS - SOUTH AFRICA

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1. SOURCE IN SA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TELLS US THAT SAG CONSIDERS THAT IT HAS REACHED AN IMPASSE WITH US IN CURRENT ARTICLE XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS. SAG PLANS TO ACT UNILATERALLY AND RAISE DUTY ON REFRIGERATOR COMPRESSORS AND CONDENSERS. IN COMPENSATION IT WILL LOWER DUTY ON OIL LAMPS TO TWO AND ONE HALF PERCENT AND HOPE THAT US WILL ACCEPT AND NOT RETALIATE.

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2. SOURCE COMMENTED THAT US APPLYING TOUGHER CRITERIA THAN IN

PREVIOUS ARTICLE XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS. WHEREAS IN PAST US ONLY COMPARED TRADE COVERAGE OF ITEMS UNDER NEGOTIATION, US NOW TRIES TO MEASURE PROBABLE TRADE EFFECTS OF PROPOSED DUTY CHANGES, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT SUPPOSED ELASTICITIES. ALSO, SOURCE CLAIMS US NOW OPERATES ON ASSUMPTION THAT SA WILL RAISE DUTY TO PROHIBITIVE LEVEL ON ITEMS ON WHICH IT IS WITHDRAWING CONCESSION, AS ASSUMPTION WHICH SOURCE CLAIMS IS NOT ALWAYS JUSTIFIED. RESULT IS THAT US DEMANDS FOR COMPENSATION ARE GREATER THAN UNDER PREVIOUS PRACTICE.

3. WE HAVE NO WISH TO PUT OURSELVES IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS HIGHLY TECHNICAL NEGOTIATION BUT WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S AND/OR GENEVA'S COMMENT ON ASSERTION THAT US TAKING TOUGHER POSITIONS THAN IN PREVIOUS ARTICLE XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS.
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